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The Attorney General

October 29, 1975

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UNITED STATES SUNATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES (SSC)

Reference is made to the letter from the SSC dated September 30, 1975, requesting certain information from the FBI.

Attached for your approval and forwarding to the SSC is the original of a memorandum which is responsive to the Committee's request.

A copy of the memorandum is being provided for your records.

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1 - The Deputy Attorney General Attention: Michael E. Shaheen, Jr. Special Counsel for Intelligence Coordination

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ALLEGED TAPPING OF TELEPHONE OF U.S. SENATOR HOWARD BAKER, WASHINGTON, D.C. INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS. OO: WFO.

ON JULY 11, 1974, MR. HOWARD GIBSON, 1746 HAMMONDWOOD CIRCLE, POWDER SPRINGS, GEORGIA, FURNISHED INFORMATION REGARDING AN ALLEGED WIRETAP OF TELEPHONE OF UNITED STATES SENATOR HOWARD BAKER AT WASHINGTON, D.C. GIBSON IS A FORMER DEPUTY SHERIFF IN COBB COUNTY, GEORGIA, WHO WAS FORCED TO RESIGN FROM THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AFTER HE WAS ALLEGED TO HAVE FIRED A GUN IN TO THE HOUSE OF A NARCOTICS INFORMANT WITH WHOM HE HAD A DISPUTE. THEREAFTER, GIBSON WAS EMPLOYED BY A PRIVATE INVESTIGATIVE ORGANIZATION KNOWN AS CENTRAL INVESTIGATIVE AGENCY AT 6650 POWERS FERRY

GIBSON FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING-INFORMATION:
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GIBSON ADVISED THAT DURING THE COURSE OF A NORMAL WORKING DAY TWO OR THREE MEN USUALLY ENTER AND WORK IN THE SUB-LEASED SCI SPACE. THEY STAY DURING THE COURSE OF AN ENTIRE DAY WITHOUT LEAVING THE SPACE AND DO NOT SEEM TO CONDUCT BUSINESS IN A NORMAL MANNER. AN UNIDENTIFIED FRIEND OF GIBSON'S OVERHEARD INDIVIDUALS IN THE SPACE, ALLEGEDLY LEASED BY DEA, DISCUSSING "TAPES". BASED ON THE ABOVE INFORMATION AND BASED ON GIBSON'S EXPERIENCE WITH WIRETAPPING WITH THE COBB COUNTY, GEORGIA, SHERIFF'S OFFICE, HE BELIEVED A WIRETAP OPERATION WAS BEING CONDUCTED IN THE SPACE ALLEGEDLY SUB-LEASED BY DEA FROM SCI.

THE ABOVE INFORMATION WAS FURNISHED TO
CIA, ATLANTA (COVERT), ON JULY 11, 1974.

ON JULY 12, 1974, HOWARD GIBSON VOLUNTEERED THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
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Memorandum

Mr. Gebhardt;

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DATE: July 16, 1974

FROM : R. E. T.

1 - Mr. Gebhardt
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Our Atlanta Office has advised on 7/15/74, that Howard Gibson, 1746 Hammondwood Circle, Powder Springs, Georgia, furnished information regarding an alleged wiretap of the telephone of U. S. Senator Howard Baker at Washington, D. C. (WDC). Gibson is identified as a former Deputy Sheriff in Cobb County, Georgia, who was forced to resign after he was alleged to have fired a gun into the house of a narcotics informant with whom he had a dispute. Subsequently, Gibson was employed by a private investigative organization known as Central Investigative Agency, 6650 Powers Ferry Road, NW, Atlanta, Georgia.

On 7/11/74, Gibson advised that Central Investigative Agency maintains a branch office known as Security Consultants International (SCI) at 1028 Connecticut Avenue, Suite 1109, WDC. A portion of the office space leased by SCI was recently sub-leased to one Lucein Conein (phonetic), allegedly an official of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Special Operations Group, WDC. Gibson claims he was the business partner in the office of the Central Investigative Agency and in SCI with Mitchell Werbell, III, who resides at Powder Springs, Georgia. The offices of SCI in WDC, have been managed by John Muldoon, a retired Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) agant.

Gibson suspects that Conein is actually a covert CIA agent and further suspects CIA has been operating a wiretap out of the space leased from SCI. Gibson bases these suspicions on statements made by Werbell alleging that he has worked for CIA in the past; that he is friends with CIA agents and officials; that he believes Conein to be an ex-CIA agent and knows that John Muldoon is a former CIA agent.

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Gibson advised that during the course of a normal working day two or three men usually enter and work in the sub-leased SCI space. They stay during the course of an entire day without leaving the space and do not seem to conduct business in a normal manner. An unidentified friend of Gibson's overheard individuals in the space, allegedly leased by DEA, discussing "tapes." Based on the above information and based on Gibson's experience with wiretapping while employed with the Cobb County, Georgia, Sheriff's Office, Gibson believes a wiretapping operation was being conducted in the space allegedly sub-leased by DEA from SCI.

Since it appeared that an ongoing CIA operation was being compromised and that the CIA should be aware, our Atlanta Office contacted CIA, Atlanta (Covert) and informed him of the above on 7/11/74.

On 7/12/74, Gibson furnished the following:

Directly above Suite 1109, rented by SCI at 1028 Connecticut Avenue, is a suite located on the twelfth floor, which is utilized as an efficiency apartment. It is connected to Suite 1109 on the floor below by stairway. Gibson said the twelfth floor space is actually the space sub-leased to Conein and that telephone number 785-4514 is installed in that space. Conein sub-leased this apartment in March, 1974, and was still being used by Conein as of 7/5/74.

Regarding the information above concerning the alleged overhearing of discussions concerning "tapes," by alleged DEA employees, Gibson advised this information was furnished to him by Mr. Steve Van Cleave, a personal friend of Gibson's and a private investigator from Atlanta, Georgia. Van Cleave told Gibson that he visited SCI offices on a recent unrecalled date. Van Cleave was told by Werbell that Van Cleave could not stay in the offices at that time as Werbell was consulting with a client. Van Cleave told Gibson he then went to the twelfth floor entryway to SCI offices, the space sub-leased by Conein, and overheard a conversation through the door